

Clean Copy of Amended Claims:

2. (Twice Amended) A method as claimed in 10, characterized in that the elevated temperature is between 300°C and 600°C.

10. (Amended) A method for labeling a sample container, comprising the steps of:

providing a container for holding a sample to be analyzed;
elevating a temperature of the container to an elevated temperature above a sample analysis temperature, which is greater than ambient temperature; and
applying container identification to the container at the elevated temperature.